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For : **WIRELESS POLLING SYSTEM USING
SPREAD-SPECTRUM COMMUNICATION**

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The Examiner's attention is directed to United States Patent 4,850,036 listed on attached Forms PTO-1449. This patent was cited in an International Search Report in a corresponding European patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report indicating the relevancy specified by the authorized officer for this patent.

United States Patent Nos. RE 35,449; 5724,357; 6,021,119 and 6,665,000 are commonly assigned with the present application.

United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/248,578, filed January 30, 2003, entitled WIRELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM WITH FEATURE MODULE (FLE01 P-318B); United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/248,588, filed January 30, 2003, entitled WIRELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM AND METHOD (FLE01 P-318C); and United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/248,583, filed January 30, 2003, entitled WIRELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM AND METHOD (FLE01 P-318D) are commonly assigned with the present application.

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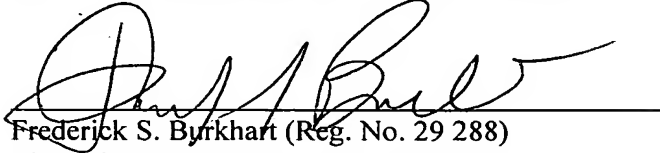
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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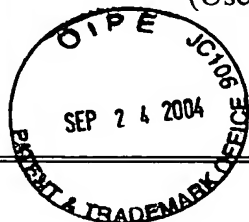
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